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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio certifies for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within Ohio was used in the preceding calendar year (**2016**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2018**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.<sup>1</sup>

Accompanying this letter are a copy of a Finding & Order issued by the Ohio Commission on September 27, 2017 (Attachment 1), and a list of certified carriers

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.").

(Attachment 2). If you should have any questions or comments regarding this submittal, please contact me at the number below or Jason Well with the PUCO at (614) 644-8032.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments